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The Technical Bureau for Iron (Technisches Büro Eisen) was located on the premises of the Institute for Iron Smelting (Institut für Eisenhüttenkunde) of the Freiberg Mining Academy, Leipzigerstrasse 34. Its last Soviet Chief was Efinov (fnu), who was also put in charge of the Technical Bureau for Non-ferrous Metals located on the premises of the Institute for Metal Smelting of the Freiberg Mining Academy after the Technical Bureau for Non-ferrous Metals was about to close down.

Germans working in the Technical Bureau for Iron were former Academy professors who had been dismissed from the Academy because of their former party affiliation. Two such men were Prof. Maurer, generally considered as the inventor of stainless steel, and Prof. Ehmicke. The following also worked there: Dr. Uhlitsch; Prof. Gruender, now in Yugoslavia; Dr. Donat, also in Yugoslavia since 1947; Prof. Dr. Ing. Spackeler, Director of the Institute for Brown Coal Mining (Institut für Braunkohlenbergbau) of the Freiberg Mining Academy. The last three mentioned are ore dressing experts.

In February or March 1949, the Technical Bureau for Iron was closed. Part of the staff, together with members of the Technical Bureau for Non-ferrous Metals formed a new bureau called the Research Office for Metals (Forschungsstelle für Metalle) at Freiberg, Weissbachhaus, Leipzigerstrasse. This bureau, which is under German direction, is not connected with the Academy but comes under the German Economic Commission.

Chief of the Research Office for Metals is Prof. Ehrlicke (see para. 2). Working with him are Prof. Knoops and Dipl. Ing. Peukert, both formerly with the Metallurgical Section of the Technical Bureau for Non-ferrous Metals. A former interpreter with the Technical Bureau for Non-ferrous Metals named Beyer has also found a position in the new bureau. So far, no details are known about the special tasks which this bureau is going to perform.

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